

canvas enough to carry him through to Scotland. He there met with the committee, and the local authorities, and paid sixty pounds for his conduct, and his license was withdrawn for three months. We remained there getting repairs for three weeks. Boy like, I took advantage of my opportunity and rambled a good deal through the City of Londonderry; walked upon its ancient walls, and returned usually to my ship's lodgings when night came, but in my rambles I contracted what was afterwards termed, the emigrant fever, and after the ship set sail, it developed. Having had a light attack I was soon again upon my feet, but my father was the second to contract the disease.

On our second attempt, it required seven weeks from the time we left port, to the time we landed at Quebec. It is needless to recite the many little incidents that arose. My father had again recovered his health, and we were prepared to take the steamer the Government had furnished at Quebec, that was to take us to our destiny. Upon arrival at Montreal, my brother, Thomas, was stricken with fever, and had to go to the hospital. We were then transferred from our steamer to a tug, barge attached. We had to go down into the hold of the barge, and it became very customary for this barge in tow to collide with the piers or parts of the locks in passing through the river, and it became very unpleasant for those below, as they did not know or see when they would get a sudden shake that would be dangerous. My brother seeing the barge about to strike one of the locks, stooped down to the hatchway of the barge and said that there was danger; but just a moment too late. The barge struck, my mother fell upon her breast, across a beam that was on the bottom of the barge, possibly its keel, and on the third night, almost unconsciously, without making many complaints, she passed away. We were notified of the fact at the time we were going up to Bytown. The necessary preparations for burial must be in advance. We proceeded on our journey and when we reached some nine or eleven miles below Bytown, then a little town, now the City of Ottawa, there my father